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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. (C) WORLD BANK ARREARS: WE JUST GOT WORD THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED OUR REQUEST TO USE 2.5 MILLION IN ESF FOR RWANDA WORLD BANK ARREARS. (WE DECIDED TO UP OUR CONTRIBUTION FROM THE EARLIER PROPOSAL OF 2 MILLION.) AID AND AF/EPS WILL HAVE TO WORK ON THE PAPERWORK NOW; WE WILL CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DONORS TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE.

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[REDACTED] TO HEAR THAT WE WERE WILLING TO
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 CONTRIBUTE.

2. (C) BIZIMUNGU VISIT: THE RWANDAN EMBASSY CALLED TO THANKS US FOR THE VISIT. THE CHARGE SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY HAPPY WITH IT;

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[REDACTED] I SEE NONE OF THE REPORTING CABLES HAVE MADE IT OUT TO YOU YET. HERE'S THE STATUS, SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT: OUR CABLE ON THE TALBOTT/WIRTH/BUSHNELL MEETING WENT UP TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR ON FRIDAY; TALBOTT HIMSELF HAS TO SIGN IT OUT SO

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I'M NOT SURE WHEN IT WILL GO. TO DRAFTED UNCLASIFIED BENNETT/SHATTUCK/(PRM DAS) SYKES MEETING, WHICH I CLEARED ON THURSDAY AND WHICH AT LAST WORD WAS STILL WITH ONE OF THE A/S'S (BENNETT, I BELIEVE). OSD INSISTS ON DOING ITS OWN CABLE ON THE PERRY MEETING (EVEN THOUGH MARY G. ATTENDED, TOOK NOTES, AND EVEN DRAFTED SOMETHING!). AID DECLINED OUR REQUEST TO ATTEND THE ATWOOD MEETING; I HAVE A CALL IN TO [REDACTED] TO SEE WHEN (IF) THEY ARE DOING A REPORTING CABLE. NOW THAT I KNOW (OR THINK I KNOW) THAT WE CAN DO A STATE CABLE ON THE NSC MEETING, I WILL TRY TO DRAFT SOMETHING ON THE LAKE MEETING (USING PRU'S NOTES, SINCE ONLY SHE AND STEINBERG WERE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY LAKE). I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU AND BOB AN ORAL READOUT

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[REDACTED] I DON'T WANT YOU TO WAIT ON THESE CABLES IN CLEARANCE, SO BELOW IS THE UNCLEARED SUMMARY OF THE TALBOTT MEETING (BEFORE JOHN WITHERS SHORTENED IT), PLUS THE ACTUAL TEXT OF THE "BENCHMARKS" POINTS THAT LAKE AND TALBOTT WERE DRAWING FROM.

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BEGIN TEXT OF "BENCHMARKS" POINTS

-- WE WELCOME YOUR STATEMENTS EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR REFUGEE REPATRIATION, AND WE URGE YOU TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS IN RWANDA THAT WILL PROMOTE AND PERMIT THE SAFE, VOLUNTARY RETURN OF THE REFUGEES.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR COUNTRY WILL NEED ASSISTANCE TO CREATE THESE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING REESTABLISHING BASIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES, A JUDICIAL AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER ESSENTIALS.

-- WE KNOW THAT YOU ALSO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ARREARS TO THE WORLD BANK AND THAT THESE ARREARS HAVE PREVENTED YOU FROM BENEFITTING FROM 250 MILLION IN IFI'S PIPELINE FUNDING.

-- WE ARE WILLING TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT ASSISTANCE IN THESE AREAS, BUT, IN TURN, NEED TO SEE CONCRETE ACTION FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FOSTER REFUGEE RETURN AND, ULTIMATELY, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

-- EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS YOUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INCLUDE:

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END "BENCHMARK" POINTS

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THAT THE ROUNDTABLE IS FOCUSED ON ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE DUE TO OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY OR FROM OIL/GAS PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

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5. (LOU) THE BRITISH INVASION: WE HEARD A RUMOR THAT THE GOR HAS DECIDED TO SWITCH TO A COMMON LAW SYSTEM. THIS HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR WHO WOULD BE BEST PLACED TO ASSIST IN REESTABLISHING THE JUDICIARY. IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THIS RUMOR?

6. (U) SLUGS: IN CASE YOU DIDN'T SEE STATE 272670, [REDACTED] IS IN ANGOLA FROM NOW UNTIL OCT. 27 AND WOULD LIKE ANY RWANDA REPORTING CABLES SENT TO LUANDA FOR HER WHILE SHE'S THERE SO SHE'LL BE ON TOP OF THINGS WHEN SHE ARRIVES CHEZ VOUS. ALSO, [REDACTED] APPARENTLY DOES NOT GET MOST KIGALI CABLES AND SHE'S ASKED IF YOU COULD SLUG ANY OF INTEREST TO HER (MOSTLY PHUM, WAR CRIMES STUFF) TO HER (ALSO FOR [REDACTED] THANKS.

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7. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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